

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants	:	Leung <i>et al.</i>	
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Title	:	BARBED SUTURE IN COMBINATION WITH SURGICAL NEEDLE	

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2008. Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time, extending the deadline for responding to the April 23, 2008 Office Action from July 23, 2008 to October 23, 2008. The fee of \$1,110.00 specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) for said three (3) month extension is hereby enclosed. Payment of the petition fee is being authorized via electronic funds transfer. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any extra amount owed or to credit any extra amount paid to deposit account no. **13-4365**. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 27 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 28 of this paper.